

# PARENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

## 2020-2021 Calendar



U of SC  
**Aiken**



The UofSC Aiken mascot is the Pacer, a special kind of horse that paces instead of trots. Pacers are unique, just as our students are unique.

Throughout this calendar, we use analogies and equestrian terminology to explain how parents and families can support their Pacer. We hope you will benefit from this information and be better engaged, informed, and connected with UofSC Aiken.

**Go, Pacers!**

**UofSC Aiken Parent and Family Relations**

*\*Please note that all events within this calendar are sheduled and planned, but that dates are subject to change.*



## Welcome to the Pacer family!

The entire campus community is delighted your student chose to pursue their educational dreams at UofSC Aiken, which has been ranked #1 by U.S. News and World Report (14 times).

We know you are just as excited as we are to have your students here. As they start their very own, unique Pacer track, we have a variety of (free) resources available to help ensure their success – and ultimate graduation.

Our faculty, staff, and I look forward to seeing you on campus for Family Day on October 3.

All the best,

Sandra Jordan, PhD  
Chancellor

## Welcome from UofSC Aiken Parent and Family Relations!

We know that parents and families are important stakeholders in the success of UofSC Aiken Pacers. Students are now entering the Pacer track, and we want to provide resources to support you as you cheer them to the finish line!

This calendar is one resource. It contains important university dates, directory information, and conversation tips for you to consider as you encourage your Pacer. For your convenience, the calendar is also available in electronic form at [www.usca.edu/parents](http://www.usca.edu/parents). Another parent and family resource is our free monthly e-newsletter, which provides useful and timely information. To receive it, register at [www.usca.edu/parents/signup](http://www.usca.edu/parents/signup).

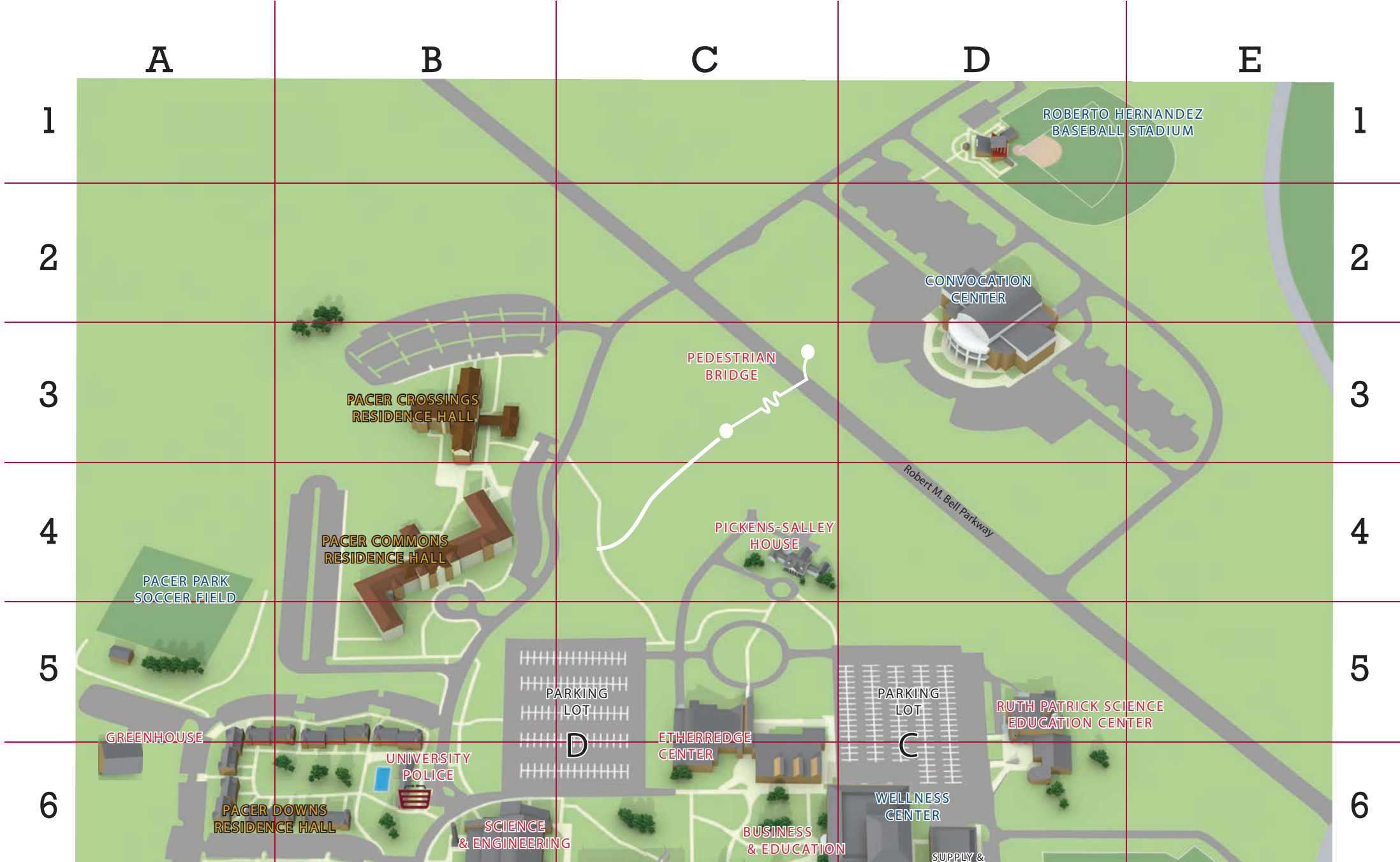
Parenting college students is not for the faint of heart! We want to help. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. at [parents@usca.edu](mailto:parents@usca.edu) or 803-641-2825.

Best wishes for a great academic year!

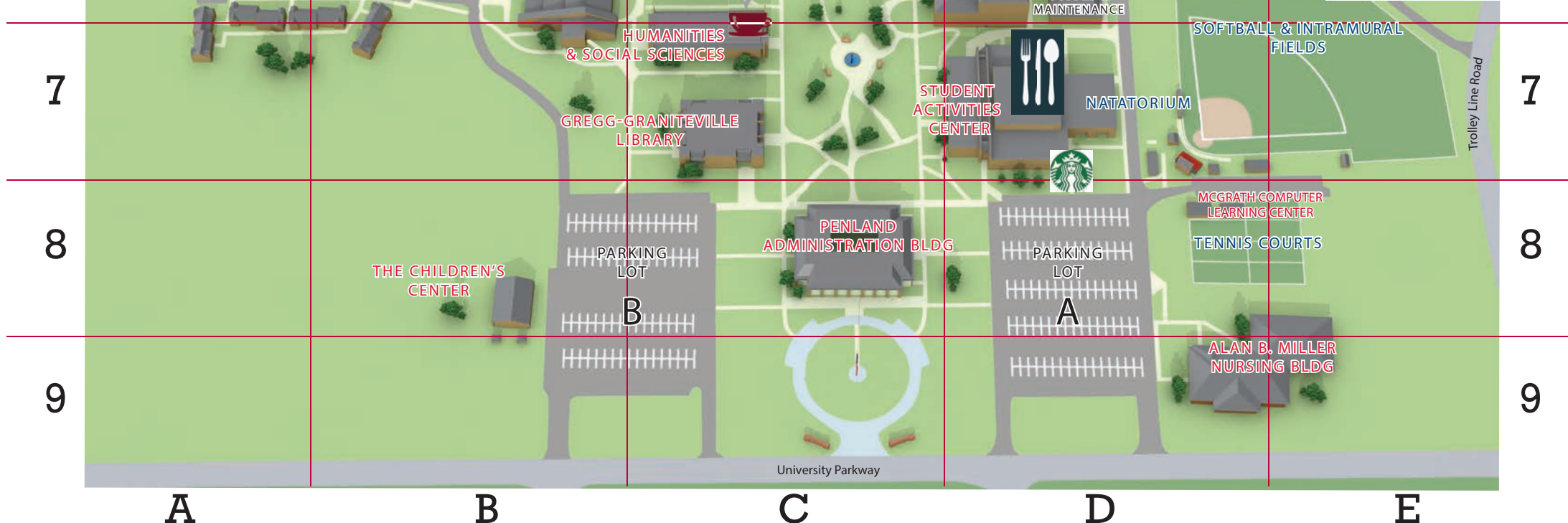
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<b>School of Business</b>	<b>usca.edu/soba</b>	
<b>School of Education</b>	<b>usca.edu/education</b>	
<b>School of Nursing</b>	<b>usca.edu/nursing</b>	
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Aiken Tourism	visitaikensc.com	803-293-7846
Alumni Relations	usca.edu/alumni	803-641-3480
Business Services (tuition payment)	usca.edu/business-services	803-641-3543
Campus Map	usca.edu/campus-map	
Career Services	usca.edu/career-services	803-641-3440
Center for Student Achievement	usca.edu/csa	
Counseling Center	usca.edu/counseling-center	803-641-3609
Disability Services	usca.edu/disability-services	803-643-6815
Etherredge Center	usca.edu/etherredge-center	803-641-3305
Family Day	usca.edu/family-day	
Financial Aid	usca.edu/financial-aid	803-641-3476
Homecoming	usca.edu/homecoming	
Housing and Dining Services	usca.edu/housing	803-641-3790
New Student Orientation	usca.edu/orientation	
Pacer Shoppe (bookstore)	bkstr.com/uscaikenstore/home	803-641-3457
<b>Parent and Family Relations</b>	<b>usca.edu/parents</b>	<b>803-641-2825</b>
Police (UofSC Aiken emergency)		803-648-4011
Police (UofSC Aiken general information)	usca.edu/university-police	803-641-3319
Press Releases	usca.edu/press-releases	
Security, Crime and Fire Reports	usca.edu/judicial-affairs	
Student Health Center	usca.edu/student-health-center	803-641-2840
Student Life	usca.edu/student-affairs	803-641-3634
Transportation (Aiken Best Friend Express public transit service)	bestfriendexpress.com	803-648-6493

# CAMPUS MAP







## ACADEMIC

- Alan B. Miller Nursing Building.....D9
  - School of Nursing
- Business & Education.....D6
  - School of Business Administration
  - School of Education
  - Computer Services Help Desk
  - Conference Center
  - Continuing Education
  - Counseling Center
  - Disability Services
  - Small Business Development Center
- The Etheredge Center.....C5
  - Main Theater
  - O'Connell Theater

## Humanities & Social Sciences.....C7

- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Institutional Effectives
  - Language Learning Lab
  - Writing Room
  - The Station (Coffee, subs, etc.)
- Gregg-Graniteville Library.....C7
- McGrath Computer Learning Center.....D8
- Science & Engineering Building.....B6
  - College of Science and Engineering
  - Academic Affairs
- Ruth Patrick Science Education Center.....D5

## Center for Teaching Excellence

- DuPont Planetarium

## ADMINISTRATION

- Robert E. Penland Administration Bldg.....C8
  - Admissions
  - Center for Student Achievement
  - Business Services
  - Career Services
  - Economic Development Partnership
  - Financial Aid
  - Human Resources
  - Math Lab
  - Records

## Pickens-Salley House.....C4

- Chancellor's Office
- Advancement
- Alumni Relations
- Marketing & Communications

## ATHLETICS & RECREATION

- Convocation Center.....D2
  - Athletics
  - Global Spectrum
- Robert Hernandez Stadium.....D1
- Softball Field.....D7 E7
- Natatorium (adjacent to the SAC)....D7
- Tennis Courts.....D8 E8
- Wellness Center (in the B&E Bldg.)..D6

## RESIDENTIAL HALLS

- Pacer Commons.....B4
- Pacer Crossings.....B3
  - Housing office
- Pacer Downs.....A6 B6
  - The Market (Convenience Store)
  - University Police

## STUDENT LIFE

- Student Activities Center (SAC).....D7
  - Bookstore
  - Pacer Café (Main Dining)
  - Student Health Center
  - Student Life & Services
  - Starbucks







# JUNE

Getting comfortable with the starting gate.

**"USCA is a great college that is family oriented and they care for your children as if they are their own."**

*- Wendy Lloyd, North Augusta, SC*



**June is a busy month** full of graduation parties, ceremonies, vacations and family visits. June is also when UofSC Aiken begins its orientation programs.

Staff and students have worked hard to provide you with a full day of learning and fun at the track! Here are some tips to help families navigate orientation:

- Let your student take the lead by handing over the reins for the day. They are chomping at the bit to express their independence, and orientation is a great way for them to do that in a manageable environment.
- June and July orientations are virtual, meaning student and families can participate in a combination of real-time and pre-recorded videos. Students will learn about UofSC Aiken traditions, academic resources, and have an opportunity to engage with faculty. Parent and guests will have a separate orientation designed especially for them so they are better prepared to support their student.

Thoughts for June:

- The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. In compliance with FERPA, almost all university correspondence will go directly to your student, so ask them to check their UofSC Aiken email and student portal often and share that information with you.
- Orientation is when many students establish relationships. A solid orientation experience helps Pacers successfully transition to UofSC Aiken.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Deadline to apply for summer graduation	16	17	18 Freshman Orientation (virtual)	19	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day	22	23 Transfer Orientation (virtual)	24	25 Freshman Orientation (virtual)	26 Pacer Parade (Class of 2020 Recognition)	27
28	29	30				

A photograph of four people sitting at a table in a kitchen or food service area. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a baseball cap is smiling and holding a burrito. Next to him, a woman with long dark hair is looking at him. To her left, another man is wearing a black cap and a grey hoodie, also holding a burrito. In the background, a fourth person is partially visible. The table is set with white cups, plates of food, and condiment bottles. The kitchen area behind them has stainless steel counters and various equipment.

# JULY

**Sometimes Pacers get skittish. Patience and encouragement will keep them on track.**

**"Encourage your children to do their best and reach for the stars!"**

**- Kathy Sturkie, *Gilbert, SC***



**As graduation parties** wind down, students start thinking about the unknowns of fall. They may be excited, but they may also be anxious as they prepare themselves—physically and mentally—for college. Both residential and commuter students may express feelings of doubt or insecurity about college.

Parents and families can help their Pacers overcome insecurities by staying positive and keeping summer activities fun. Offer to go shopping with them as they review the checklist of what to bring. Consider visiting campus so they can show siblings and family members UofSC Aiken’s beautiful campus.

Residential Pacers may want to contact roommates to see who will be responsible for what dorm room items.

Thoughts for July:

- Discuss insurance issues with your agent to make sure your commuter and/or residential student has proper insurance coverage.
- Best Friend Express is a public bus service with student pick-up and drop off in Parking Lot A adjacent to the Penland Building (see campus map on Page 4). The route includes service to WalMart on Richland Avenue. (Rates range from \$1.00-\$2.00 per ride).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 No classes, Non-essential offices closed (Campus police on duty)  Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Freshman Orientation (virtual)	15	16 Transfer Orientation (virtual)	17	18 Fall graduation application available
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	





# AUGUST

You're at the starting gate and your student is in the driver's seat.

**"Relax, enjoy and rest assured that your child will be taken care of, educated and prepared!"**

*- Thomas Fraser, Wagener, SC*



**Up to this point** your role has been direct and daily involvement with your high school student. You should maintain a hold on your Pacer's reins but “loosen the grip.” Encourage students to advocate for themselves; learn how to make their own appointments; and communicate in writing and in person with roommates, classmates, faculty, and administration. Many times it is easier to step in and “fix” things for students, but now is their opportunity to learn life skills.

Thoughts for August:

- Establish a communication plan for you and your student. Ask for a copy of their class schedule so you know when not to call or text them.
- The Etherredge Center is UofSC Aiken's flagship performance venue. Check out their schedule at [usca.edu/etherredgecenter](https://usca.edu/etherredgecenter), and come back for a performance. You won't be sorry!
- Please plan to join us for the Etherredge Center Cultural Series, where the world will come to Aiken through song and dance. You can find the schedule of events at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dl184506yvo&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dl184506yvo&feature=emb_title)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Payment deadline/first cancellation of classes for non-payment	13	14	15
16	17 17-22 Week of Welcome	18 Freshman and Transfer Orientation	19 Freshman Convocation	20 First day of classes Part-time job and Internship Expo	21	22
23	24	25 25-26 Get on Board Days (student organizations)	26 Last day for a 100% tuition refund and billable hours Last and final cancellation of classes for non-payment	27	28	29
30	31 Deadline to apply for December graduation					



**“This is a smaller university but there is ALWAYS someone to help when you need it”**  
- Meira Kennedy, *Columbia, SC*



September marks the start of in-depth learning. Students are meeting professors—not teachers—who may instruct at a faster pace than students have experienced. They are also meeting classmates from across the state, around the country, and around the world!

Attending student life events, networking, and showing genuine interest in a course or an organization may lead to volunteer, research, or future job opportunities. They’re off and running – or should we say, “pacing?”

Thoughts for September:

- The Office of Student Life sponsors Alternative Spring Break community service opportunities. Applications open in September and are due by mid-October. This is a wonderful way for students to give back during their spring break. Students can inquire in the Student Life office.
- Students love to receive care packages! Specific addresses for mail and packages are found here: [usca.edu/addresschange](https://usca.edu/addresschange)
- Academic calendars are located on the registrar's web site: [usca.edu/records](https://usca.edu/records)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 No classes, Non-essential offices closed (Campus police on duty)  Labor Day	8	9	10	11  11-13 Greek Life NPC recruitment  Patriot Day	12
13	14  14-18 Greek Life IFC recruitment	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		First Day of Autumn				
27	28	29	30			



# OCTOBER

Jockeying for position.

**“USCA was the perfect school, it is a safe campus, has wonderful professors and offers many student life opportunities.  
We love USCA and go Pacers!” - Kurt Eberl, *Aiken, SC***



**Welcome to fall** at UofSC Aiken. Temperatures are cooling down, but education and activities are heating up! Mid-terms are on the horizon, clubs and organization events are underway, and the track is full of challenges. Coursework is harder. Students wonder how they are stacking up against peers. Pacers are jockeying for position!

If your student is experiencing academic or social challenges, consider asking clarifying questions to help identify problems, and give him/her the freedom and confidence to figure out a solution. For example, you might ask, “Did you go to your professor for help?” “Have you invited your roommate to lunch or dinner so you can discuss differences in a neutral site?”

Show confidence in them and help them learn to solve problems, be resilient, and find their place in the race. They may not be leading yet, but remember, this is only the first stretch.

Thoughts for October:

- Encourage your student to attend study sessions and seek tutoring at the Center for Student Achievement.
- The Career Services Office is ready and waiting for your student to make an appointment to discuss career options, employment opportunities and internships.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Family Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Advisement for spring term begins	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Priority registration for spring term opens	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

A group of students are gathered around a wooden table in a classroom. In the background, a large historical map of the world is displayed on the wall. A student in a blue shirt with 'INTRAMURAL Champion' printed on it is smiling and looking towards the camera. Other students are engaged in conversation or looking at a laptop on the table.

# NOVEMBER

Smart Pacers play it safe. They know who is on the track around them and where they can go for help.

**"Your child is on a safe campus that encourages and nurtures the individuality of their students. Your student is in marvelous hands!"**

- Angelyne Green-Davis, Coward, SC



to be safe. Safety training starts at new student orientation when campus police, the counseling center, peer educators and others engage students in safety policies and procedures. Safety topics to keep in mind:

- Thoughts for November:

- Encourage your student to receive a FREE flu shot at the Student Health Center from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Monday–Friday when classes are in session.
- Remind residential students not to leave valuables in their rooms, and to lock up before they leave.
- UofSC Aiken inclement weather alerts are posted on the [usca.edu](http://usca.edu) homepage. Students will get direct notification through their UofSC Aiken email account.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3  Remote classes, University offices open  Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24  Last day of face-to-face classes	25  25-27 Thanksgiving Break – No classes, Non-essential offices closed (Campus police on duty)	26	27	28
29	30  Nov 30 - Dec 2 Remote class days			Thanksgiving Day		


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A photograph of two students sitting on a white ledge. The student on the left is wearing a dark jacket and glasses, looking down at a laptop. The student on the right is wearing a yellow beanie, glasses, and a yellow sweater, smiling. A large, vibrant abstract painting with blue, green, and yellow tones is on the wall behind them. The word "DECEMBER" is overlaid in large white letters.

# DECEMBER

Rounding the first turn...are any adjustments needed?

**"This school is wonderful. Small classes, professors are personable, and the city of Aiken is so quaint!"**

- Kristin Clements, *Holtsville, NY*



**How a pacer** approaches and comes out of the first turn can set up the experience for the rest of the race.

Students are finishing classes and preparing for finals. They’re trying to pace with intention and perseverance. After a hectic finals week, they have finished the race and are heading home.

During winter break, students have time to reflect on the fall term. Maybe they enjoyed a particular class more than anticipated and now they want to pursue a different major. Maybe joining a student organization or being part of a research project instilled a new passion.

See if you can carve out time for a one-on-one walk, lunch, or even a casual “date” with your student. During this time you might ask, “What were some of your favorite classes and why?” “Can you see yourself being a \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the vocation) after graduation?” Maybe your Pacer will remain on the same track with no adjustments needed, or maybe they would like to consider a different major. Now is a great time to find out!

Thoughts for December:

- The Gregg-Graniteville Library extends hours of operation so that students have a quiet, safe space to study for final exams.
- UofSC Aiken’s academic calendar is available 24/7 at [www.usca.edu/records](http://www.usca.edu/records).
- Have a wonderful winter break with your student!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Nov 30 - Dec 2 Remote class days	2	3 3-4 Reading days	4 Last day of class	5
6	7 7-11 Final exams (remote) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10 December Convocation (fall commencement)	11	12
13	14 Faculty deadline to enter fall grades	15 May graduation application available	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 24-Jan 3 – University offices closed for Winter Break (Campus police on duty) Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		
				New Year’s Eve		



# JANUARY

On every track, a little rain will fall.

**"Always encourage your student to study and do well, to never give up; they can make it!"**

- Jerry and Maryan Byrd, *North Augusta, SC*



**Pacers are rested** and have returned for a fresh start on a new spring track. Just like in the fall, they are in the driver's seat. At first, the track is clear and students are moving forward at a good pace, however, challenges can slow progress.

When students encounter obstacles (and they will), please remind them that UofSC Aiken has FREE tutoring in the math lab, writing room, and Center for Student Achievement. Free appointments are also available at the student health and counseling centers. Encourage students to make and keep all appointments with faculty, tutors, and staff who are ready and waiting to assist them.

Parents and families can remind students that challenges are a part of life. Handling those challenges with perseverance, planning (and sometimes a sense of humor) is key to becoming resilient, successful Pacers.

Thoughts for January:

- Confirming with website@usca.edu that weather alerts are posted on our home page. Confirming with Jason that weather alerts are sent through alertus.
- Now is a good time for students to review Degree Works and ICE (inter-curricular enrichment requirement) to plan on how they will complete those requirements. Degree Works can be accessed through students' my.sc.edu portal.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					New Year's Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	University offices reopen		Payment deadline/first cancellation of classes for non-payment			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Classes begin for full- term courses					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	University offices closed (Campus police on duty)  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Last day to register for a course • Last day for a 100% tuition refund of billable hours • Last and final cancellation of classes for non-payment				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Deadline to apply for May graduation in SSC Deadline for August grads to request May Commencement recognition						



# FEBRUARY

**Students should pace themselves, and find a time and finance management system that works for them.**

**"USCA is a great university that allows the opportunity for a quality education and smaller environment."**

**- Maurice and Linda Ranson, North Augusta, SC**



**Organized and successful** students master the skills of time and finance management. Being on time for class, study groups, work, and appointments is important. Some students use an old-fashioned wall calendar while others prefer to use electronic apps.

Additionally, it is helpful for students to schedule times for sit-down meals, exercise, and eight hours of sleep per night. A malnourished, tired Pacer cannot run at peak performance!

Managing finances is another important consideration. This is a good time to discuss balances on meal plans and CarolinaCards. Balances are printed on receipts and can be verified on students' self-service Carolina portal.

Thoughts for February:

- February is career fair month at UofSC Aiken, and all students—regardless of major or class—should attend. Make sure your student has appropriate clothing for meeting potential employers. If they don't, they can make an appointment to borrow clothing at the Career Closet.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Homecoming
		Groundhog Day				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Lincoln's Birthday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day						
21	22	23	24 Career Fair	25	26	27
	Washington's Birthday					
28						

A young man and woman are relaxing in a black hammock strung between two trees. The woman, on the left, is wearing a pink t-shirt and a backpack, holding a phone. The man, on the right, is wearing a white t-shirt with a blue logo. They are both smiling. The background shows a park-like setting with trees and a path. A third person's head is visible in the foreground, slightly out of focus.

# MARCH

Cooling out period.

**“UofSC Aiken is a great experience for students. The dorms were perfect for helping my child feel like she was part of the university. My child was able to experience what it was like to go to a bigger college, but still have a small town feeling.”**

**- Tiffany Dixon, Seguin, TX**



**Pacers need** a cooling-out period after running a race. This restores a horse's temperature to normal. Students will get a weeklong cooling-out period during spring break. If students will be home for the week, it's always good for everyone's expectations to be clear.

Try having advanced conversations like these:

- curfew (Will you still require this? Will they expect no curfew?)
- family car usage
- quiet hours

If your Pacer will be travelling for spring break, establish a communication plan that satisfies you and your student. Remind him/her that other states and countries may have different laws, and they should be prepared to follow those laws. It's best to have the web site, street address, and phone number for the hotel or lodging space where students will stay, along with their travel itinerary.

Thoughts for March:

- Establish a communications plan for spring break—especially if your student will be travelling.
- If your student is set to graduate, talk with him/her about commencement tickets, the senior celebration brunch, and other graduation details like lodging and how you will celebrate!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Priority deadline for FAFSA submission	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 8-12 Spring Break, no classes	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Spring
21	22 Advisement for summer and fall term begins	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Priority registration for summer and fall term options	30	31			





# APRIL

The Final Stretch with a photo finish!

**"I would recommend USCA to anyone because the price for a quality education is affordable!"**

*- Roberta Matthews, Batesburg, SC*



For some, April signals the home stretch for this academic year. For other families, April signals graduation and commencement preparation. Students are completing assignments, studying for exams, and preparing to say goodbye to friends until fall. For our graduates, April means taking their last exams as a bachelor’s degree student.

If your student will return to UofSC Aiken housing in the fall, you may want to discuss how much “stuff” is coming home for the summer and how much can be sold, purged, or stored. Sometimes it is easier to rent a local storage facility rather than take items home only to bring them back in the fall.

For other families, April signals preparing for next month’s graduation and commencement ceremony. Consider taking photos before the event as sometimes the best spots—like at the quad fountain or by the double knot—are congested afterward.

Thoughts for April:

- Residential and commuter students appreciate a surprise care package when studying for finals! Find resident housing addresses at [usca.edu/addresschange](http://usca.edu/addresschange).
- Solidify plans for the summer. Will your Pacer live at home? Do they have job or internship prospects? There is still time for them to visit Career Services.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				April Fool's Day		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Classes end for full term courses	Reading Day	Apr 28-May 4 – Final exams			



# MAY

It's time to look ahead and keep pacing forward, but May is also a good time to review the track your student travelled.

**"I have been a teacher in Columbia County, GA for 21 years. I have recommended USCA to many of my students! This school is by far the best for a student! They have seen the best in my son and pushed him to be his best!"**

**- Jeanette James, *Evans, GA***



**Most UofSC Aiken students** are finished for the summer, while others are graduating. Woohoo! Celebrate their accomplishments at the senior celebration brunch and commencement! Check [usca.edu/graduation](http://usca.edu/graduation) for details.

You may notice a new level of maturity in students compared to last summer. They may also look at you differently, and appreciate your knowledge and support. Experiences from this year will prepare students for fall semester, graduate school, or full-time employment.

Thank you for your support, and have a great summer!

Thoughts for May:

- Summer is a good time to review financial literacy lessons. Explain the realities of credit card debt.
- Make travel and lodging arrangements for Family Day.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 May Commencement  Cinco De Mayo	6	7 Deadline for faculty to enter spring grades	8
9	10 Classes begin for full term courses	11	12	13	14 Summer graduation application available	15 August graduation application opens in SSC
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 No classes, University offices closed (Campus Police on duty)  Memorial Day					

# Notes

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